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1. AT JANUARY 25 POLADS MEETING, SEVERAL ALLIED REPS
COMMENTED THAT SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE THEIR NON-
FIRST-USE PROPOSAL WOULD BE A PROMINENT FEATURE OF THE
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PRE-BELGRADE LANDSCAPE. IN THIS CONNECTION, UK REP
SAID THE MINISTER OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN LONDON
HAD RECENTLY STRESSED TO A SENIOR FCO DISARMAMENT
OFFICIAL THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL AND SAID
THAT MOSCOW EXPECTS SOME REPLY TO IT FROM THE UK.
THE BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THE
DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE WAS A CON-
SIDERED RESPONSE BY THE ALLIES AND SUCH A COLLEC-
TIVE NATO REPLY WAS APPROPRIATE, SINCE THE PROPOSAL
HAD BEEN MADE IN THE NAME OF THE WARSAW PACT AND

NOT BY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY.

2. ITALIAN REP SAID THE ALLIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO
MONITOR SOVIET EFFORTS ON NON-FIRST-USE AND, IN
THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE NATO
COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION TO
THE NEUTRALS.

3. US REP DREW FULLY ON REF A AND PREVIOUS GUIDANCE
IN EXPLAINING THAT WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY OPPOSED TO
A SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF CSCE PARTICIPANTS
ON THE NON-FIRST-USE PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD DIVERT ATTENTION
FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS.
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